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**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE—ISSUE FEE PAID**  
**(37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c))**

**1. Petition**

Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue.

**2. Patent Issue Fee**

The issue fee for the above application was paid on July 3, 2003.

**3. Reason(s) for Withdrawal Request**

The reasons for the request for withdrawal from issue are:

- (a) consideration of a Request for Continued Examination under §1.114; and
- (b) entry of an Information Disclosure Statement.

Withdrawal is requested to continue prosecution to obtain entry of an Information Disclosure Statement and to permit entry of claim amendments, previously denied under 37 C.F.R. §1.312, which remove a potential ambiguity from the allowed claims.

**4. Amendment**

Accompanying this petition is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and preliminary amendment.

**5. Petition Fee Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h)**

As required by required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a) and pursuant to §1.17(h), applicants authorize payment of the **\$130.00** petition fee (Fee Code 1460) and **\$750.00** filing fee for the Request for Continued Examination (Fee Code 1006) to be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 081935/0266300. Any deficiencies in the fees may be charged, and any overpayments should be credited, to Deposit Account 03-3975. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

If there are any questions concerning this request, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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